

Members representations

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL (K.G.F.).—Sir, in the Brief Record of the Proceedings that is supplied to us, under the heading “ Election result announcement by the Chair ” the name of Sri R. N. Laxmipathy is not put in here.

Mr. SPEAKER—I will have it examined.

MYSORE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1964.

Motion to consider—(Debate contd.)

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Co-operation, Development and Panchayati Raj).—Mr. Speaker, Sir, I do not propose to reply to the various criticisms made by the hon'ble members regarding the administration of the Co-operative Department. I think these criticisms are not quite relevant to the discussion of the subjects covered by this Bill, but, nevertheless, I have to refer to one or two criticisms by some of the hon'ble members so that they may realise the proper position. Two main criticisms made by the hon'ble members were that there is growing interference by the Government in the affairs of the co-operative institutions, and secondly, there is large-scale misappropriation and misuse of funds. I do not understand how we can check and prevent altogether the misuse or misappropriation of funds by legislative action. I do not mean to say that there has not been any case of misuse of funds or irregularities or improper behaviour on the part of the people who manage the affairs of the various co-operative institutions, but the cases that have been found out are very few as compared to the magnitude of the co-operative institutions.

Regarding interference referred to by some hon'ble members, I have already assured the hon'ble members of this House on another occasion that it is accepted policy of not only the Central Government but also of this Government that there should not be any external interference in the administration of co-operative institutions. I can convince hon'ble members that this policy has been pursued consistently during the last 2 years and the practice of nomination to all sorts of co-operative institutions has been stopped and to-day except in cases where Government have invested large sums of money and thereby have become a partner in the co-operative institution nomination has been totally stopped and even in such cases nomination is made to the minimum as required under section 29, that is, 3 persons or one-third of the number of members on the Managing Committee whichever is less. Therefore, both these criticisms, in my humble opinion, are totally unwarranted particularly on this occasion.